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4 information and said determined priority, and said picture decoding apparatus
5 and/or sound decoding apparatus includes priority decision means of determining
6 the method of processing according to the priority when the received various
7 information is overloaded.

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1 11. (As Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the sequence of
2 pictures and sounds to be decoded, synthesized or displayed, presence or absence,
3 or reproducing method is determined, according to at least one information or
4 more out of the accounting information, service content information, password,
5 user code, nation code, information showing rank of synthesis or display,
6 information showing rank of decoding, user's instruction, terminal processing
7 capacity, and reproduction time.

1 12. (As Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said reception control
2 means handles the information describing the mutual relation of information of
3 pictures or information of sounds, out of the various information, independently as
4 different information from the picture information or sound information.

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1 14. (As Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein said picture
2 synthesizing means or sound synthesizing means holds, controls and utilizes the
3 result of decoding until it is instructed to discard the result of decoding from the
4 transmission side.

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1 15. (As Amended) The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the user is informed
2 of the presence of pictures or sounds that cannot be synthesized because necessary
3 decoded pictures or sounds are not prepared, when synthesizing the pictures or
4 sounds, on the basis of the information describing the mutual relation of
5 information of pictures or information of sounds.

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1 16. (As Amended) A real time picture coding apparatus comprising one or
2 more picture input means for feeding pictures, ~~picture input control means~~ of
3 controlling the control state of the picture input means, other terminal control
4 request control means of controlling the reception state of a reception terminal,
5 coding process decision means of determining the coding method of pictures
6 depending on at least the controlled reception state of the reception terminal or the
7 control state of said picture input means, picture coding means for coding said